

MEDICINE-MEN.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION.

A Brutal Murder—Struck by Lightning—Searching for Miss Poe's Assassin—Other Notes.

(Special telegraph to the Dispatch.)

RALPH, N. C., May 8.—The thirty-first annual session of the North Carolina Medical Association began this morning at Williams' Hall, Fayetteville. Dr. J. H. Hays, of Raleigh, presiding, and Dr. J. H. Hays, of Raleigh, presiding. The attendance is up to the average. The afternoon session was devoted to the annual address. To-morrow evening the people of the town will give a banquet and ball to the society. On Thursday the society will participate in the memorial-day exercises, and on the evening of that day the annual oration before the society will be delivered.

Year Davidson College, lightning struck the warehouse of John Caldwell and burned it with its contents, causing a loss of \$1,200. The municipal election in Durham yesterday was quite exciting. There were three tickets in the field, headed by John F. Free-lund, W. J. Christian, and Thomas C. Haskins respectively. For mayor, John F. Free-lund was the favorite, but many of his friends deserted him and voted for Christian, who was elected.

The people of Monroe are greatly excited by the brutal murder of Policeman John Pearce by a negro named Bill Weddington. There was a row at a saloon in Monroe, and Pearce arrested the negro who was under arrest. Weddington with a heavy iron bar in his hand was the negro of Pearce, Frank Thomas, another negro, armed with a bludgeon, and a third negro, who struck Pearce on the head with a glass of wine, giving him a severe blow. Pearce, who was not injured, never having been conscious, and Thomas, who had fled to Charlotte, was also captured. Both are in jail at Monroe. Thomas was tried for murder two years ago and got off. Pearce has a wife and four children.

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THE SOUTHWEST.

Admitted to Bail—Case Postponed.

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CHRISTIANBURG, Va., May 8.—George Whittaker had a heart-attack while on Saturday on the charge of shooting, with attempt to kill, his brother Paris. The testimony was voluminous. The burden of it goes to show that the defendant was provoked to shooting by repeated threats of his brother to take his life. The case was sent on to the grand jury, and on extension were the circumstances that the justice really allowed him in a small sum.

Judge Blair has closed his Circuit Court and arrived in town today. The case of Lemon vs. the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company was continued, the counsel for the defendant (Messrs. J. L. Tompkins and T. A. Phlegar) concurring with the counsel for the plaintiff in the request. An immense amount of chancery business was done, and a few common-law cases. Our Circuit Court opens on Thursday.

Failure. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

VINCENNES, Ind., May 8.—George F. Montgomery, lumber dealer, who has been confined to his bed for several months, died yesterday at his home in Chicago. He was 65 years of age. He was a native of New York, and had been in the lumber business for many years. He was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, and was a prominent citizen of the city.

Invalids. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

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